ABSTRACT

An information processing system comprises a main unit, an input means detachable there from , a storage means for storing a startup password set by the input means, a startup password presence checking means for determining whether or not the startup password is stored, and a startup password request means for requesting an operator to set a startup password.   The startup password request means: (i) requests setting with the input means of a startup password for starting the main unit , if the input means is connected to the main unit, and when the startup password is absent, (ii) makes the main unit start, if the input means is connected to the main unit, and when the startup password is found present, and (iii) makes the main unit start regardless of presence or absence of the startup password, if the input means is not connected to the main unit.